

Timeline of Events

October 29, 1929	Black Tuesday; Stock market crash
January 30, 1933	Hitler rises to power, Nazi Party takes control of Germany
November 9, 1938	Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass)
September 1, 1939	Germany invades Poland
December 7, 1941	Bombing of Pearl Harbor
May 7, 1945	Germany surrenders
August 6- 9, 1945	Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
August 14, 1945	Japan surrenders

The Great Depression - 1929-1939

Causes	-the Stock Market Crash of 1929 (Black Tuesday): stockholders lost billions of dollars
	-Bank Failures: people lost their savings to uninsured bank deposits, others rushed to take out their money and banks could no longer give out loans/ stay in business
	-Less Purchasing: people had less money, so they bought less from businesses, which led to unemployment
Events	-1935-1943: New Deal programs are introduced and used to employ 8.5 million people
	-1941: Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, so the US joins the war

German Invasion ~ 1938-1939

Events	-1933: Adolph Hitler becomes chancellor, rises to power
	-1938/1939: Germany seized Austria and part of Czechoslovakia
	-1939: Hitler and Stalin invade Poland

Vocab

Reparations	compensation for war damage paid for by the defeated countries
New Deal	a series of programs launched by FDR to end the Great Depression in the US
Blitzkrieg	means "lightning war" in German; a military tactic using offensive weapons on a narrow front
Kristallnacht	the night in Germany when gangs attacked Jewish synagogues and thousands of Jews were arrested and placed in concentration camps
Genocide	the mass extermination of a group of people based on race, religion, or culture
Holocaust	the systemic murder of 11 million people (6 million Jews) by Nazi Germany during WW2
Auschwitz	the largest of Nazi death and concentration camps in Poland
Propaganda	the spread of information through films, writings, images, etc. to support a cause
Axis Powers	alliance formed by Japan, Germany, Italy, led by Emperor Hirohito, Adolf Hitler, and Benito Mussolini
Allies	alliance formed by US, Great Britain, Soviet Union, led by Franklin Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Josef Stalin
D-Day	June 1944, Allied forces land on the beach of Normandy, France and advanced on Germany

